

# EL CAMINO COLLEGE LETS CONTRACT FOR BUILDINGS; SEEKS 10 MORE CLASSROOMS

Commencement of building construction on the Alondra park campus of El Camino Junior college was definitely assured Thursday night by action of the college Board of Trustees in special meeting at which a contract was awarded to the Gallinger Construction Company of Gardena for the reconstruction of Army Air base buildings recently donated to the college by the Federal government.

The bid of the Gallinger Company of \$132,873.00 was the lowest of five bids submitted and assurance has been given by the contractor that work will commence on Monday and that the work will be completed within four months.

These buildings when completed will afford the college seven classrooms, library, cafeteria, student store and administrative offices. In addition the Board of Trustees authorized Business Manager Carl Artwoodson to advertise immediately for bids for ten additional classrooms, two chemistry laboratories and lecture room, a music building and shower and locker room facilities for the physical education classes. These buildings will be of the bungalow type with the exception of the physical education facilities which will be of metal construction. It is estimated that the total cost for these additional facilities will be approximately \$150,000.

The present enrollment of the college is nearing 1,100 students who are attending afternoon and evening classes at Adolph Leuzinger high school, Lawndale. It is anticipated that the second semester enrollment will tax even the additional facilities approved by the board recently. Due to the unexpected enrollment, the board has approved a recommendation of President Murdock for the employment of two additional teachers which brings the total faculty to thirty-one. The board last night approved the employment of Dr. Samuel R. Ellis, teacher of psychology and auto mechanics, and Byrie C. Shuck, instructor in English and political science.

Dr. Ernest E. Lyder of El Segundo presided in the absence of President Robert Russell, who is on an extended eastern trip.

## SEVEN SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS APPROVED BY SCHOOL BOARD

The establishment of a list of substitute teachers available for use in Torrance schools was authorized by a resolution of the Board of Education at the meeting held Tuesday night.

Seven women were named to the list of substitutes. They are Mary Halverson, 25640 President st.; Betty L. Mogle, Los Angeles; Esther Overstreet, 1508 Torrance blvd.; Dolores Fanner, West Los Angeles; Elsie B. Cole, Compton; Nadine V. Martin, Los Angeles and Margaret Weber, 1610 Date ave.

## SCHOOLS UNIFICATION IS STATE TREND, SAYS MELBO

Dr. Irving R. Melbo, professor of educational administration, University of Southern California, stated recently that "the entire trend in the State of California is toward unification of school districts and local community determination of educational programs."

## Safe-Cracking Burglars Sent To San Quentin

Alfred Steelman, 26, 1527 Shatto st., Los Angeles and Robert Mitchell, 28, South Gateway, who pleaded guilty to one count of burglary were sentenced last week to San Quentin prison by Superior Judge Thomas L. Ambrose.

Length of sentence will be determined by the State Prison board.

The two men were arrested Aug. 5 and charged with the burglary of the Torrance Bowling Academy, 1953 Carson st. The safe and contents, valued at \$1,000, had been stolen from the bowling alley July 30.

Steelman and Mitchell were also charged with theft of a safe containing \$200 on Aug. 3 from the Worker's club, 1737 Cabrillo ave. Mitchell had formerly been employed at the cafe as a cook.

The safes were found at the slough near 190th st. They had been broken into and the contents removed. The thieves were also charged with the two burglaries of the Torrance Laundry, 1842 Carson st., during the week ending Aug. 2.

An unsuccessful attempt to break into the safe at the laundry had been made. Several hundred dollars worth of clothing and equipment had been taken, however, along with two guns, one of which was found on the pair when they were arrested.



TO EASTERN HOME . . . Miss Rosalie Fortin, Miss Torrance of 1947 contestant, with her mother, Mrs. Arthur J. Fortin, returned last week to Greenfield, Mass., the Fortin's former home. They had sold their home residence at 1317 Amapola ave. to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Viaux, of Inglewood.

## Supervisors Set Water Election For November 25

County Supervisors Tuesday formally set Nov. 25 as the date for an election on the question of a West Basin Municipal Water district formation.

Cities in the district are Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and El Segundo. Unincorporated territory includes Lawndale, Lomita and Lennox. Last week M. J. Donoghue, county registrar of voters, announced that petitions for the district filed with him Sept. 26 contained more than the required number of valid signatures.

Torrance already has its three Municipal Water districts and is a member of Metropolitan Water District.

Weather Report		
DATE	TEMPERATURE	
	Maximum	Minimum
Oct. 1	75	54
2	75	54
3	72	53
4	72	53
5	72	53
6	72	53
7	72	53
8	72	53

## Frank Carrell Estate Fixed At Above \$100,000

Judge Frank R. Carrell, veteran justice of the peace of the local township, who died last Sept. 27, left an estate valued at more than \$100,000 to his widow and daughter.

This was revealed Tuesday, when his will was filed for probate.

He left a hand-written document dated Nov. 9, 1945, in which \$750 was bequeathed to his sister and clerk, Lillian P. Allen \$500 to his secretary, Grace Bonner, and \$1,000 to his son-in-law, Matt W. Halley.

Remainder of the estate was given in equal shares to his widow, Mrs. Eloise Carrell, 16522 S. Berendo ave. and to his daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Halley, 802 W. 151st st.

Listed in the estate were \$54,000 cash, valuable securities and real estate worth in excess of \$100,000.

## Herald Printer Father Of Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Var Kralingens, 1512 W. 216th st., as the parents of a nine-pound, one-ounce baby boy born at 3 p.m. yesterday in Los Cerritos Maternity hospital, Long Beach.

The child was named Joseph Anthony Jr. and is the first child of the Van Kralingens. Var Kralingens Sr. is a printer at the Torrance Herald.

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## Council Meets First Time In Three Weeks

Torrance City Council met Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. It was a special session, and all four councilmen were there. Tract Map 14888, for additional development in Kettler Knolls, and Map 14889, for the home-building project of Riviera Housing Corp., were approved.

Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr. tried to present the final salary claim of former Councilman G. V. Powell for approval, but he was stopped by City Attorney Otto B. Willett, who ruled only business on the call for special meeting could be handled.

The council meets in regular session next Tuesday night, and a very heavy agenda is awaiting their attention. They had not met since Sept. 15, up to Tuesday night.

## BUILDING HERE NEARS SIX MILLION

Building in Torrance neared the six-million-dollar mark this week as 61 permits with a valuation of \$407,185 were issued by City Engineer Glen M. Jain to boost the year's total to \$5,937,998.

Leading the list of builders for the week was the California Nevada Properties, Inc., who took out permits for 53 residences valued at \$373,400. These homes will be located on the company's tracts on Via Alameda, Paseo de Granada, Via Pasqual, Calle de Arboles, Calle de Andalucía and Calle de Madrid.

The total for 1947 so far with more than two months left in the year is almost double last year's \$3,096,964. Other permits issued during the week were the following:

George R. August, Long Beach, residence at 24521 Los Codona, \$5,100.

Gerald G. Grubb, 1625 Elm ave., residence, \$8,250.

Alvin Clark, Wilmington, residence at 144 Via La Ciruela, \$9,700.

Richard H. Sprout, 2246 239th st., residence at 2280 239th st., \$8,000.

W. C. Moyer, 2118 Carson st., residence at 1632 Fern ave., \$4,500.

Mullin's Service, 2053 Torrance blvd., gasoline storage tanks and pumps, \$585.

Torrance Laundry, 1872 Carson st., addition to building, \$600.

R. G. Madary, San Pedro, residence at 2218 239th st., \$2,000.

## IT'S ABOUT TIME . . . (An Editorial)

Since the first of February the Sontag and Whelan drug stores have been closed in Torrance.

Since the first of July J. C. Penney Co. and J. J. Newberry 5 and 10 store have been closed in Torrance.

These stores were closed in a dispute over wages between the owners and operators of the stores and Haskell Tidwell, Secretary-manager of the San Pedro Retail Clerks' Union.

In 1945 and 1946 Penney's and Newberry's were closed almost a year in a dispute with the same union.

On July 17, 1946, the Torrance Herald negotiated a contract between Haskell Tidwell and the stores.

Our efforts to settle the Sontag and Whelan dispute with Tidwell the first part of this year met with failure.

Our effort to settle the Penney and Newberry dispute with Tidwell since July 3 of this year has met with failure.

## IT IS ABOUT TIME SOMETHING IS DONE ABOUT IT!

This much, both sides of the dispute can be assured: THE TORRANCE HERALD DOES NOT PROPOSE TO SIT IDLY BY WHILE THESE DISAGREEMENTS, WHICH SHOULD BE SETTLED BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION AND COMPROMISE, WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS . . . DESTROY TORRANCE AS A RETAIL SHOPPING CENTER.

We are not concerned with who is right and who is wrong. Our duty and purpose is clear. This is it . . .

IN THE NAME OF THE CITIZENS OF TORRANCE . . . WE DEMAND THAT THESE STORES BE OPENED AT ONCE. That Tidwell agree to return his clerks and that the stores agree to serve the community . . . AND THAT IMMEDIATELY UPON OPENING BOTH SIDES MEET IN GOOD FAITH AND IN CONTINUOUS NEGOTIATION UNTIL THEY HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT THAT IS MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE!

WE KNOW THAT THIS CAN BE DONE! WE KNOW OF NO REAL REASON WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE DONE! —E.B.B.

## Sol Burns Case Ends With Okay On New Building

The City Planning Commission Tuesday night wrote "Fins" to the long effort of Sol Burns to establish a salvage and junk yard on Guadalupe ave. east of Lewellyn ave.

Burns had been cited for operating the yard in violation of the land use ordinance, and the case was dismissed Aug. 12 on motion of City Attorney Otto B. Willett when it was revealed Burns was operating his junk yard prior to adoption of the amendments to Land Use Ordinance No. 316.

He and so was within his rights to salvage yard in a heavy manufacturing zone.

In order to complete the files, the planning body formally granted approval to Burns to erect a steel storage building complete with a sprinkler system and an eight-foot fence along the south side of the property shielding his salvage yard from view of traffic on Torrance blvd.

## Sherfey Claims 'Fracas' Was All In Fun

Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr. this week supported Councilman C. M. Gilbert's statement that the fracas in the Sports Club bar on the early morning hours of Sept. 19 was "all in fun" and not a political argument over the appointment of the next City Councilman as many had alleged.

In the affair Councilman Gilbert was injured and Sherfey's clothes were torn.

Asked for a statement by the Torrance Herald upon his return from Sun Valley, Sherfey declared that he had gone to Long Beach Elks club with a friend and had returned to the Sports Club bar in Torrance early Friday, Sept. 19.

There he saw Councilman Gilbert and, off duty at the time, Police Officer Carmel Cook wrestling. This is something that Cook and Gilbert often do, he said.

Being an exponent of the many art of wrestling, Sherfey said, he joined in the affair, and it continued outside the Sports Club bar, in the alley.

He said that Gilbert was hurt and that he (Sherfey) suffered a minor scratch on the nose. He denied his clothes were ruined, as reported in the Herald last week, declaring that they were only disheveled and ripped about the shoulder.

He insisted that the "wrestling match" was not a brawl, and that it was all in sporting fun staged in the spirit of a friendly scuffle.

Gilbert previously had said that he, too, earlier had been in Long Beach, but Sherfey and Gilbert were not in company until they met in the Sports Club bar.

Two other participants in the wrestling match were not named.

## GROUND BREAKING FOR NATIVITY SCHOOL SUNDAY

Ground will be broken next Sunday at 2 p. m., on the new Nativity Catholic school at Acadia ave. and Carson st., according to the Rev. Father P. J. McGuinness, pastor of Nativity Catholic church.

Ben K. Tanner & Son, of Beverly Hills, is general contractor and will start construction at once on the eight classroom school. The low bid, submitted by Tanner & Son, was \$99,439.

Officiating at ground-breaking exercises Sunday will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard J. Dolan, pastor of St. Anthony's church, Long Beach, and dean of the Harbor district. Other high church and city officials will participate.

In addition to the eight classrooms, the school will have a principal's office, clinic, library and kitchen. There will be an intercommunication public address system by which the principal can address all grades simultaneously. Architects are Kauzor Bros., Los Angeles.

The school will be staffed with a faculty of nine sisters of the Order of St. Joseph of Orange, California.

The building will progress although financing is incomplete, according to Father McGuinness. A fund-raising three day fiesta will be held October 17, 18 and 19 to commemorate the occasion of the start of the school construction and also to augment the school fund, he said.

Motion picture stars who will participate in the fiesta on October 18 and 19 are Priscilla Lane, Jean Crain, Dennis Day, Elyse Knox and others to be announced later. Father McGuinness declared.

Ten attractively decorated booths will be set up on the church grounds where an array of useful and decorative articles will be sold by the various parish organizations.

The fancy work booth will feature an embroidered outdoor linen tablecloth, luncheon sets, pillow cases, dresser scarves and other household linens.

On Sunday Oct. 19 a baked ham dinner will be served from 12 noon.

Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening. There will be no admission. Special door prizes will be given away.

Refreshment booths will dispense typical fare throughout the bazaar.

## E. G. FORD GETS VARIANCE TO PUT 'N MACHINE SHOP

The petition of E. G. Ford for a zoning variance to permit the use of an existing building at 3042 W. 237th st. for steel grinding machine shop was granted by the City Planning Commission Tuesday night.

Located in an agricultural zone, permission to erect a second building was denied.

## CITIZENS COMMITTEE ACTS IN FAVOR OF CITY MANAGER AND BUS LINE EXPANSION

A Citizens' Committee composed of 22 organizations in Torrance, voted unanimously Monday night.

1. That Torrance should adopt the City Manager form of government.

2. That Torrance Municipal Bus lines should not be sold nor offered for sale.

## STRAW VOTE ON JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The successor to the late Judge Frank R. Carrell, justice of the peace of Gardena township, will be named on Oct. 21, according to information received from the office of County Board of Supervisors.

Selection of the appointee will be based on results of a straw vote to be taken from among newspapers, prominent attorneys, city officials, representatives of civic organizations and prominent citizens of the township.

High on the list of those being considered is City Judge John A. Shidler who always was Judge Carrell's choice as visiting judge when the late justice of the peace was unable to take the bench. Judge Shidler is sitting in Justice court this month on a temporary appointment. He had been asked to sit in Judge Carrell's place by the judge, who had planned a month's vacation prior to his fatal illness.

Clifton A. Hix, prominent San Pedro attorney who resides in Rolling Hills, which is a part of the Gardena township and who is a leader in Republican circles of the county, also is favored by many for the post.

This week former Torrance City Attorney John A. McCaffrey and present City Attorney Otto B. Willett each said that they

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THEY'RE OFF! . . . as the race with dimes began at the Torrance McCown Drug Store, 1334 El Prado, last Friday. Hundreds of local shoppers crowded the store to seek the many values offered for 1929 dimes. According to store manager Harry Petro, more than 800 of the 18-year-old ten cent pieces were received during the sale. The event was held as a part of the drug organization's value-giving program to clear room for Christmas merchandise. (Torrance Herald photo).